

Senior Research Participation Program

Introduction

The RPP has been a very successful program for USACHPPM; however, a follow-up component is needed to realize this program's full potential. In connection with the basic RPP activities developed by ORISE for DOE, this concern has been raised. As a pilot effort, on a case-by-case basis, postgraduate appointments at several DOE laboratories have been extended past the three-year limit.

The SRPP provides participants the opportunity to further their education by hands-on experience in research and related activities at USACHPPM-approved laboratories and facilities.

Objective

The SRPP is designed to meet Federal science education objectives. This program provides opportunities for participants to: (1) continue their hands-on participation in the research and development areas; (2) raise the level of participation to include training at higher levels (e.g., training and planning of research and development projects, leadership and management training, etc.); (3) become more independent researchers; and (4) become well-trained scientists, engineers, or technologists for future employment in fields related to the USACHPPM mission.

Eligibility

An applicant must have completed a three-year ORISE postgraduate (post-bachelor, post-master, or post-doctoral) research participation appointment and be recommended by his/her research mentor. The applicant must hold a degree in an appropriate science, engineering, or technology discipline and must be involved in USACHPPM research in a related field. U.S. citizenship is required. Disciplines appropriate to the program include, but are not limited to, the physical, biological, environmental, and computer sciences; engineering; and supporting disciplines.

Benefits

Senior participants will receive a monthly stipend that varies depending on degree level, discipline, research area, and experience. Stipends may be increased for each year of participation. (See Enclosure 1). The starting stipend rate will depend upon a number of factors:

- * Past research experience.
- * Increased degree of responsibility.
- * Research project to be performed.
- * Recommendation of selecting official.
- * Augmentation for cost of health insurance.

Appointment Period

Senior appointments will be for one year, renewable for up to two additional years upon recommendation of USACHPPM. Part-time appointments are subject to the availability of funds and may be terminated if appropriated funds are not available.

Application and Selection Process

The final selection of participants is made by USACHPPM Coordinator, and two Program Managers with the ORISE On-Site Program Representative as a non-voting facilitator. Selection shall be based on scientific background and experience; research accomplishments; academic records; recommendation; compatibility of the applicant's background with the interests of USACHPPM; and the availability of funds, programs, staff, and facilities.